(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Government of Pakistan have alleged that the Tulbal Navigation Project, reportedly under construction, is in violation of the Indus Water Treaty, 1968 and have urged immediate cessation of all construction work on the project. India has informed Pakistan that the Project is purely a control structure meant for improving the navigability of the Jhelum River merely by the regulation of the depletion of the natural storage already available in the Wular Lake. This structure will neither contribute to raising the water level in the Wular Lake nor involve any consumptive use of the waters. No provisions of the Treaty are, therefore, violated. The matter has been taken up by the two Commissioners under the relevant provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960.

Central Grant for Slum Clearance in Uttar Pradesh Cities

1123. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of central grants sanctioned for slum clearance and rehabilitation of Slum dwellers in cities of Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the amount of these grants; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on environmental improvement of urban slums in situ rather than their massive clearance and rehabilitation. The Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums is in the State sector and appropriate projects under the Scheme are formulated and implemented by the State Governments out of their Annual Plan allocations. No Central grants are envisaged for this purpose in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Vacancies in the Northern zone of the F.C.I.

1124. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies in the categories of Junior Engineers are lying vacant in the Northern zone of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action the F.C.I. is taking to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Junior Engineer (Civil Engineering) . . .	19
Junior Engineer (Electrical Engineering) . .	5
Junior Engineer (Mechanical Engineering) .	10
TOTAL	34

(c) As a measure of economy, the work is being managed by better planning and by utilising the existing manpower. A few posts may be filled, as and when necessary.

New Technology for Steel Production

1125. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has